



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4276**  
Kazuo SUGAMURA, et al. : Docket No. 2001-0572A  
Serial No. 09/831,452 : Group Art Unit 1647  
Filed July 10, 2001 : Examiner Rachel K. HUNNICUTT  
PROTEIN AMSH AND cDNA THEREOF : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

} Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2004, the period for response having been extended for three months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.